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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is in reply to the non-final Office Action dated December 10, 2004, for the above identified patent application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendment and remarks that follows is respectfully requested.

This paper includes:

Amendment to the Claims as shown in the list of claims beginning on page 2; and
Remarks beginning on page 9.

Also enclosed is a **Petition for Extension of Two Months Time** for responding to the Office Action.